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**SUPPLEMENTARY RESPONSE**

This communication is in response to the Examiner's Report mailed January 3, 2001 and is supplementary to the Submission Under 37C.F.R. 1.114 dated October 29, 2002. This communication also responds to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 3, 2003. Applicant's petition for reconsideration of the Decision on Petition to Revive mailed September 3, 2002 has been GRANTED.

**AMENDMENT**

Please delete Claims 15 – 21, 23, 25, 27 and 28. Claims 22, 24 and 26 continue to be withdrawn from consideration in accordance with Applicant's election in Paper No. 11.